

First he dubbed his tee shot.
His mangle was a shame,
But still he held the rudiments
And cussed a beautiful game.

Great Demand for Ticket to Wesleyan Game

The pitcher's floating in the air.
The stands are fresh with paint.
The fair co-eds are studying
For footballers who ain't.

10,000 FANS TO WITNESS BATTLE AT SOUTH SIDE

Demand for Tickets at Home of Methodists Means They Have Team.

MORGANTOWN, Sept. 22.—The team of Coach "Bob" Higgins, head of the West Virginia Wesleyan College football organization, that he will be satisfied with a 20-0 score and that he has only a bunch of green kids with which to work, does not coincide with the request of Director Carl V. Miller that twice as many tickets be sent to Buckhannon for student and public sale this year as were sent a year ago.

Less than five hundred tickets were disposed of at Buckhannon a year ago, but Miller says it will take at least one thousand to take care of the demand this year. When it is considered that Wesleyan has only about 500 students and the population of the town is only around 5,000 it would appear that 1,000 from that gross population would be a pretty fair turnout. With a population of 14,000 here 2,800 was considered a great crowd to go to Fairmont a year ago, and 700 of these were University students.

The general feeling here is that Wesleyan may very well be closely watched this year. The Buckhannon folk are not keen for getting their money down unless there is a chance to cash in, and from two or three sources intimations have come that there would be plenty of Wesleyan money looking for odds at Fairmont a week from Saturday.

In any event the general trend seems to be for a record breaking crowd, judging from the numerous applications for tickets. Practically every selling agency in central West Virginia has asked for a doubled allotment of tickets over that of last year and Director Stansbury stated today that he looked for 10,000 people.

JACK SIMON IS SHOWING CLASS

Work of Backfield Man Is Pleasing to Spears Thus Far.

MORGANTOWN, Sept. 22.—One of the big features of the scrimmage sessions held behind closed gates here this week has been the all-around work of Jack Simon, the big halfback, who disappointed many fans last fall when he failed to come up to their expectations. Simon did fairly well at camp but was not until the team returned here that he seemed to get into his stride. Right now he looks like the best ground-gainer Coach Spears has and in the scrimmages this week he has been sweeping everything aside. Nothing has been too hard for him and he has succeeded in plunging through places where other backs were stopped in their tracks.

After a short career in scholastic football circles Simon entered the University in the fall of 1929. Playing alongside of such stars as Homer Martin, Howard Lantz and Carl Beck the New Cumberland youngster played in a manner which led many fans to believe that he would be one of the "big guns" in Spears' offensive artillery last fall. It seemed, however, that he had been boosted too much and that the fans expected more than he was able to give. Overwork and minor injuries kept him from giving his best and consequently his playing during the season was a big disappointment. In only one contest, that with Lehigh, did he come anywhere near satisfying his followers. Many thought he was "through" but his work this week has shown that he is anything but that and if he keeps on Ekberg and the other backs are going to be overhauled.

While Simon's work last season was a disappointment to many fans he never failed to satisfy Coach Spears who claims that he was by far the most steady player he had in the backfield last fall. There was nothing flashy or sensational about his work but in Spears' estimation he did play a good steady game and the big boss believes he is going to do even better this year.

Memorial to James Dunn Will Be Unveiled Today

CLEVELAND, Sept. 22.—Before today's game with the New York Americans a bronze plaque bearing the likeness of James C. Dunn, former owner of the Cleveland team, who died June 16, will be unveiled by Mayor Fred Kohler. The memorial is a gift of the members of the Cleveland fire department and is an appreciation of an order of Mr. Dunn when he bought the Cleveland team to admit any fireman wearing his badge to the ball games free of charge.

HOW THEY STAND

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pittsburgh 6, New York 1
Cincinnati 4, Boston 2
Boston 5, Cincinnati 2
Chicago 8, Philadelphia 6
Philadelphia 4, Chicago 2
Brooklyn 3, St. Louis 1

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

	W	L	Pct.
New York	36	57	.601
Pittsburgh	34	62	.575
St. Louis	30	65	.552
Cincinnati	30	67	.544
Chicago	26	70	.521
Brooklyn	21	74	.490
Philadelphia	24	90	.375
Boston	29	95	.340

GAMES TODAY

Pittsburgh at New York
Cincinnati at Boston (2)
Chicago at Philadelphia (2)
St. Louis at Brooklyn

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Philadelphia 6, Chicago 1
New York 9, Detroit 8
Boston 15, Cleveland 5
St. Louis 7, Washington 6

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

	W	L	Pct.
New York	31	56	.513
St. Louis	28	60	.595
Detroit	27	72	.517
Chicago	25	73	.507
Cleveland	25	74	.503
Washington	25	79	.451
Philadelphia	20	85	.414
Boston	25	90	.392

GAMES TODAY

Washington at Chicago
Philadelphia at St. Louis
New York at Cleveland
Boston at Detroit

FANS SPEND BIG SUMS FOR POOLS

Fortunes Won and Lost in Gambling on Results of League Games.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—Baseball pools in the major leagues levy their greatest toll in New York, Chicago and Philadelphia.

A million dollars a week is spent in New York alone by upward of 400,000 players, according to estimates by pool agents.

New York has probably 25,000 pools, all except 100 or so being small private pools in offices and factories, and semi-private enterprises operated in cigar stores. There are four big pools.

Chicago spends about \$100,000 a week in some 50 professional pools. During the last world series ticket sales in these pools totaled \$450,000, police estimate.

Philadelphia baseball gamblers spend at least \$50,000 a week, according to conservative estimates.

Sales in Boston weekly are placed at \$15,000, in Pittsburgh at \$10,000. Cleveland and Detroit are in the same class, survey shows.

Operations are small in Washington, Cincinnati and St. Louis. Horse-race betting has the call in Washington and Cincinnati, while a police cleanup in St. Louis a year ago is still effective.

In Chicago, Police Chief Charles L. Fitzmorris says 200 arrests have been made during the past season. "We find it hard to get the ring leaders," says the Chicago chief.

"Only the small fry are caught, usually agents, while the ring of directors operating the pools on a national basis remain under cover."

Get Rakeoff.

Pool agents in New York work on 20 per cent commission. They say they usually sell about \$500 worth of tickets a week each. They have regular routes through office buildings and retail districts. Employees act as agents in many factories.

In a survey of one 20-story office building 10 separate pools were found in operation, in addition to those larger ones represented by agents.

Most of the 25,000 pools—the small fry—have tickets selling for 25 cents a week, with from 16 to 32 members who buy a chance on one or two major league clubs. This investment, it is estimated, totals \$250,000.

Fewer players in the aggregate, but with an investment of three times as much weekly, patronize the four big pools.

Most "exclusive" of these big New York pools is the Forty-second Street Pool. Tickets sell for \$5 a week, the buyer blindly picking a combination of three teams out of the 32 teams in the National, American and International Leagues and the American Association. Highest combination score for the week draws a \$5,000 prize, lowest score \$2,500.

Another big pool, name unknown, sells tickets for \$2. The Lyons Pool, operated from Albany, and the Fort Erie Pool, operated from Buffalo, sell tickets for \$1 in New York. Both operate elsewhere in the east and the New England

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SECRECY SURROUNDS ACTIVITIES AT CAMP OF WESLEYAN GRIDIRON SQUAD

Tongues Agog—Dope Being Spilled Fluently, and Everything Expected to Continue to Flutter Until Warriors Sleep on Arms Next Friday Night.

BUCKHANNON, Sept. 22.—One week from tonight the Mountaineer and Wesleyan squads will be encamped at Fairmont sleeping on their arms, as it were, waiting for the opening game which will come with a clash that will make the sporting world sit up and take notice to a greater degree than did the arrival of Halley's comet make the astrologers shake in their shoes.

Already fans are telling of days gone by, when Neale speared passes from the air above for the Methodists, and when the mighty Rodgers sullied forth with the driving power of a full fledge backfield all under one helmet.

The dope is all up in the air. Movies have been taken of the two squads and are being flashed on the screen in some West Virginia theater tonight, which shows everything in the way of material that both squads have.

At Morgantown West Virginia is practicing behind closed gates. At Buckhannon the same secrecy is being maintained. Not even close friends of the coaches are permitted on the fields, so business like does the matter become.

A few newspaper men get to view the "goings on," but even they are not able to say what is what. The Methodists have a green team, but what they will do under fire is absolutely a matter that cannot be ascertained until the big guns start.

West Virginia has a great and powerful eleven with the cream of scholastic stars, backing up veterans. How they will fare in the first game against the stubborn defense of the Methodists are sure to make is a problem. Tongues are agog; dope is being spilled fluently, and everything will continue to flutter until the final big day rolls around.

Some Local Sport Chatter

Ty Cobb is strong for the college player. At his instigation Detroit scouts have combed the college field for promising material.

Ty is the authority for the statement that college players have had a wonderful influence on big league baseball because they have come up in such large numbers and made good.

It really is remarkable the strides the college ball player has made in the majors in the past 10 years. Not so long ago the signing of a college player was much commented on. Now such a happening gets only a few lines on the sport page.

There are several reasons for the college men's invasion of the majors in such large numbers. Money is in it.

First is the money appeal. It is possible for a star college player to demand a fancy salary in comparison with what he could make in any other line of endeavor.

This has caused many players to enter the profession, if only for a few years, in an effort to get together a financial foundation for the particular business which they intend eventually to follow.

Recently the minor leagues, by their attitude toward the draft, and the big prices asked for star recruits, have forced the majors to do more developing of players. Naturally the club owners have

states, Fort Erie tickets in some towns being only 30 cents. Some pools distribute daily awards, the capital prize as high as \$500.

Philadelphia's largest pool, known as the Sportsmen's Club, sells "blind" tickets for 35 cents bearing combinations of six teams out of 24 in the National, American and International Leagues.

This pool, which has headquarters in Camden, N. J., offered \$1,000 in prizes on a particular day recently; \$500 for highest score, \$250 second highest, \$100 third highest, \$50 fourth highest, and \$100 for lowest score.

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PIRATES ADVANCE IN PENNANT RACE

Pittsburgh Team Now Only Behind Giants by Three and a Half Games.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—By overcoming a five lead run and defeating the Detroit Tigers yesterday 9 to 8, while the Browns were winning from Washington 7 to 6, the Yankees today maintained their lead of three and one-half games over the St. Louis Club. It was the Browns' first victory in their last four games.

The Yankees have seven more games to play while the Browns have six on their schedule. Thus if the Hugmen win four of their contests, and the Browns win all of their games, the New York club will win the pennant by one full game.

The Giants lost ground in their pennant fight when they dropped a second game to the Pittsburgh Pirates 6 to 1 and are now only three and one-half games to the good. The Pirates, with eight games on their schedule, to nose out in the lead, must finish the season without a defeat while the Giants win only five of their games.

PUNTS AND PASSES

According to the advance a former Buckhannon High School star will be at one of the halves when Pitt opens against Cincinnati next Saturday. This lad is "Hoot" Flannegan, who played a good game with the Pitt Freshies last year.

Frank Ice will send his warriors through a hard scrimmage at South Side Park this afternoon. Ice is well pleased with the showing of his men to date, and hopes to have a good team, barring injuries to his first string men.

On the other side of the river, Coach Gamage is not so happy, but after watching the squad go through a drill yesterday afternoon, we feel that the former Illinois man will have something to say about the city championship before the season is over. He certainly is a hard-working fellow and makes the boys step high and fast. He has a couple of western football stunts for his lads to try out in this section, but it wouldn't be fair for us to tell you what they are, because you can see for yourself by attending the games this season. Local fans should support both local high school teams 100 per cent. Also the Fairmont State Normal School.

We'll bet anybody \$1 that next Saturday we hear some band play "The Old Gray Mare." Come on, boys, don't rush.

GAMAGE MAKES EAST SIDE HI SQUAD HUSTLE

Players on the squad who have a tendency to report late or lay off a day now and then had better keep the coach well posted on the matter or they will find themselves out of luck in a short time. There is no official dismissal from a practice session without an order from the coach, and on this particular thing he is most insistent.

To say that Coach Gamage is well pleased with the development of the squad to date would not be the truth. The work of the men has not quite measured up to his expectations, although he appreciates the fact that the weather has been anything but ideal for football workouts. However, he is confident that within a short time the team will come around to top form. He is also fortunate in having a fairly good second string bunch, so that he can work out who is boss—just start something and you won't be long getting the answer. He issues commands and they are obeyed or somebody catches a fast and furious call down. This is just the type of a coach that is needed at a high school, and the boys are coming around to the correct order of things in splendid spirit.

It makes no difference to Coach Gamage who you are or what you think you are, if you are going to play on the East Side High School football team, you are going to play according to his directions.

Harold Ridgley is coaching the second string men and thinks that he has some material that will

soon be ready to fill in on the first string. Johnson and Meredith stand out as the best bets on the second string squad, with several other fellows playing a good brand of football.

The first real hard test for the East Side lads will be next Friday when they are booked to make a trip to Grafton to play Jasper Colebank's Grafton High School team. Colebank, one of the best football players ever turned out at West Virginia, has the habit of turning out a creditable eleven, and it will take some real playing for the Fairmont lads to gain the decision. The two high spots on the East Side schedule are the games with Charleston High School and Fairmont High School, located on the west side of the river. The Charleston game will be played at Charleston on November 4, while the Fairmont game will be played at South Side Park on November 11.

POLO TOURNAMENT ENDED BY DEATH

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 22.—The death of C. C. Rumsey in New York as the result of an automobile accident cast a gloom over the polo players assembled here for the international series and brought the tournament to an abrupt end by the withdrawal of the Meadowbrook team which was to have played Eastcote, the Anglo-American four, in a match Saturday.

ONLY FOUR HORSES ENTERED COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 22.—The free-for-all race with only four entries featured today's grand circuit racing card here. Princess Etawah of the Murphy stable is possibly permanently injured, having been bitten in the leg by a dog. Other races on the day's card include the 2:10 pac the 2:17 trot and the 2:07 trot.

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